

Overland goods are the greatest thing,
It's good for the Union and
It's good for the South and the North
Who have no hands to reap!



Washington July 18th
Camp Douglas 1861
Dear Sir,

I stand up at 8 am on
Police duty to day
and as the Company is
out on Detachment drill at 10 o'clock
I am writing you all. It is
living here at 12 o'clock coming in and
going out every day. Four days
ago about 10 o'clock I left
around about the Virginia and
it was very handsome here but now
that is about 10 o'clock come as
soon as you can to the 10 o'clock
go on guard for twenty four hours
I must go in the morning at
nine o'clock I am on the first
relief which comes off at five
in the morning

then I will till nine o'clock
then I will have to go out
with the Olds guards and form
on the fields and present arms
too the New guards when they pass
from Mountain guards then you go
to the guard house ~~and~~ are dismissed
till ten o'clock then we have to
go to the guards house again and
go about 2 miles and have a
target shoot - and the best man
that make the best then shots
have ~~24~~ 24 hours ^{later} so you see that
~~we~~ don't have much of a chance
to go out there is a howitzer
and fifty shots fired at the target
The General has given out
orders on dress parade that
any man that goes out down
the City without a pass
would be arrested as a deserter
If you see I won't have much
of a chance of getting by picture ^{taken}

now Efford to get over pay in
the week we would have got
it long ago if they had
sent him the pay rebuild they dont
now whether the right is him for
three month month or too years
some say that we are not
excepted at all some say we
are for too years and say three month
but it has that we are in for
too years then we get paid once
will get thirty dollars milage and
all some of the boys that the
United States has discharge got
forty five dollars they got paid
for their services too dollars and a half
for their clothing and about ^{one month} ~~one month~~
five cents milages per for every miles
they travel I think that you had
better not send every money for
the too get my picture taken yes I dont
think that I can get down soon

Very kind of I have two shillings left-
wells off I can get down to the 2^d
will get by picture taken for I
do not want you to send the money
as I can pay for it myself. you don't
now how we will stay here the Council
said that could get preaching. Orders they
told me they wanted them but it should
be in the hands of a man of place and
he said that he would rather be here
for he can get in business in a
short time from here. I've told that
May Bate says coming to Washington
I will be glad to see her I would
rather see you all than get
my thirty dollars pay I've seen her
~~the~~ Cousin when I was over
Friday give Eddy, Edith & Charles
a kiss for me give my respects to
Father & Mother and all the rest
I've seen Herman the Benicow boy
Yesterday he was left for the 2^d
Rgt. from New York seeing the boys
that they are without set - the ~~boys~~
all Bowyer boys for Baker the man
that ~~is~~ is one of the Capt. Jones of the
shot.

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